

REMARKS

Election of Species Requirement

The Election of Species Requirement that was mailed on March 1, 2005, has been received and reviewed.

Fifteen species of invention have been identified:

- Species 1: FIGS. 1A-1I;
- Species 2: FIGS. 2 and 3;
- Species 3: FIGS. 4 and 5;
- Species 4: FIGS. 6A-6E and 11A-11C;
- Species 5: FIG. 7;
- Species 6: FIG. 8;
- Species 7: FIG. 9;
- Species 8: FIG. 10;
- Species 9: FIGS. 12A-12C;
- Species 10: FIGS. 13A-13C;
- Species 11: FIGS. 14A-14G;
- Species 12: FIG. 15;
- Species 13: FIGS. 16A-16F;
- Species 14: FIG. 17; and
- Species 15: FIGS. 18 and 19.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecution the invention of Species 1.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12-15, 17, 43-46, 48, 55, 70-74, 76, 80-83, 85, 89-92, 95 and 96 read on the invention of Species 1. Further, it is submitted that:

Claim 1 (to a contact pin assembly),
Claim 43 (to a contactor card),
Claim 70 (to a method of testing a semiconductor wafer),
Claim 80 (to a semiconductor wafer testing system), and
Claim 89 (to a device assembly),
are generic to all Species.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on March 2, 2004, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicants' undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on April 29, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicants' undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that each of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12-15, 17, 43-46, 48, 55, 70-74, 76, 80-83, 85, 89-92, 95 and 96 be considered on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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